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TAGS: MILI MOPS CB VS

SUBJECT: MEKONG CONVOY

THE FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON FROM CAN THO 16 APR 73 REPEATED FOR
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SUBJECT: MEKONG CONVOY

1. DURING A 15 APRIL BRIEFING FOR MOOSE AT HONG NGU, NINTH
DIVISION COMMANDER MAJ GEN TRAN BA DI TOLD US THAT THE
CONVOY HAD GOTTEN UNDERWAY FROM TAN CHAU AT 0900 AND CROSSED
THE CAMBODIAN BORDER AT 1045. RVNAF ESCORTED IT TO THE
BORDER WITH A-37'S, HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS, AND SOME FORTY
NAVAL CRAFT. DI'S TROOPS PAVED THE WAY BY LANDING JUST
SOUTH OF THE BORDER AT AN ISLAND IN THE CHANNEL WHERE THEY
CAPTURED AN NVA RADIOMAN WITH A PRC ON HIS BACK, AND CON-
FISCATED FIVE AT-3 ROUNDS ALONG WITH A LAUNCHER.

2. DI SAID THAT OF THE NINE VESSELS, THE CAPTAIN OF ONE
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REFUSED TO BUDGE FROM TAN CHAU. OF THE EIGHT REMAINING, A
SINGLE BUT UNLUCKY MORTAR STRUCK ONE, AN AMMUNITION BARGE,
AND DISABLED OR SANK IT. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.
SEVEN VESSELS ENTERED CAMBODIA. THE PHNOM PENH SEALIFT
IS THUS IN KHMER HANDS. BARNES UNQUOTE.
BUNKER

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